

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 10/619,570

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all of the pending claims. Claims 1 and 3 are independent claims. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 2-9 are pending. Claim 2 is hereby canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5, 8 and 9 are allowed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 2001-109062 (“JP ‘062”).

Claim 1

As an initial matter, Applicant has added all of the recitations of dependent claim 2 to independent claim 1. Since the Examiner has already considered dependent claim 2, Applicant believes that this amendment does not raise new issues, but instead simplifies the issues to be considered by the Examiner.

With respect to amended independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection at least because JP ‘062 does not teach or suggest the claimed image projecting apparatus in which the first and the second reflective mirrors are configured such that an optical path of the light from the light source does not cross a normal plane of the digital micromirror panel until the light is incident on the movable mirror surface, the normal plane being parallel with a longer side of the movable mirror surface, is parallel with an optical axis of the light source.

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For example, if the normal plane of a movable mirror surface of JP '062's digital panel of DMD 7 (of Fig. 8) is considered to be parallel with an optical axis of the light source the optical path of light from the light source, then the light from the light source 1 crosses the normal plane after the light is reflected by the first mirror 9a. The optical path of the light source is shown below in Fig. 8 of JP '062.

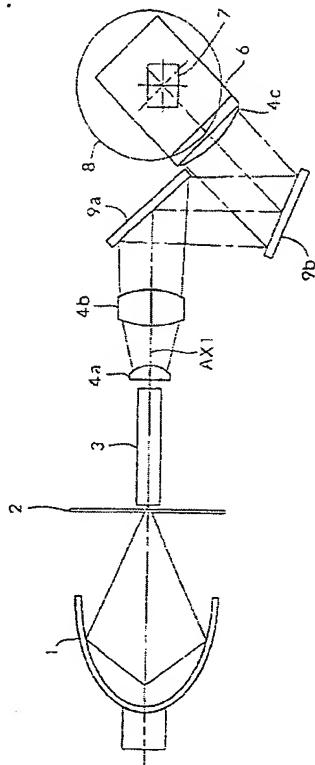


Fig. 8 of JP '062

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of amended independent claim 1.

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Claims 6 and 7

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 6 and 7 should be allowable at least because of their dependency from claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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